

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A method for assembling a multi-piece apparatus, said method comprising:

providing a first member having an internal bore;

providing a second member having an axially extending, circumferentially grooved nipple portion arranged to be received within said internal bore of said first member;

inserting the nipple portion of a said second member into substantial engagement with ~~the respective end of~~ the bore of said first member;

indenting a ~~first~~ side wall surface proximal ~~the an~~ end of the first member; and to deform and provide at least one inwardly formed indent engageable with said circumferentially grooved portion of said second member.

~~indenting a second side proximal the end of the first member.~~

2. (currently amended) A method for connecting an end member to a main member, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a main member having at least one opening;

providing at least one end member having an outwardly tapered axially extending grooved nipple portion;

placing said outwardly tapered axial axially extending nipple portion of said at least one end member ~~projections of the respective end members~~ inside the at least one opening formed in the main member; and

indenting said main member to provide an inwardly projecting detent engageable with the tapered groove formed in the nipple portion, so as to clamp said main member onto the tapered groove of said end member.

3. (currently amended) A method for assembling a fluid level verification apparatus for a fluid container, said method comprising:

providing a shield member having an internal bore for encasing a sight member;

providing a tubular sight member having a through bore;

providing an end member having a circumferentially grooved, axially extending, nipple portion;

placing said tubular sight member ~~having a through bore~~ within the internal bore of said shield member;

inserting ~~an~~ the axially extending nipple portion of said end member into substantial engagement with the respective end of the bore of said shield member and into sealing engagement with the sight tube through bore;

indenting a first side ~~proximal the end of the shield member;~~ and to deform and provide at least one detent engageable with the circumferential groove of said nipple portion;

~~indenting a second side proximal the end of the shield member;~~

4. (currently amended) A method for connecting respective end members to a shield member having a through bore in a fluid level verification apparatus having a tubular sight member, thereby sealing the end members to the shield member, the method comprising the steps of:

providing oppositely disposed end members each having an axially extending, circumferentially grooved, outwardly tapered nipple portion arranged to be received within opposite ends of the through bore of said shield member;

placing ~~respective~~ outwardly tapered ~~axial projections~~ nipple portions of the respective end members inside openings formed in the shield member ends;

abutting the ~~outwardly tapered axial projections~~ nipple portions of each of said end members to respective sealing means which are positioned at opposite ~~inside the shield member between the~~ ends of the tubular sight member and the inwardly disposed ends of each of the nipple portions ~~axial projections~~ of the respective ~~said~~ end members; and

indenting ~~the ends of~~ said shield member ~~at at least one of its proximal ends to deform and provide at least one inwardly projecting detent engageable with the circumferentially grooved, outwardly tapered axially extending nipple portion~~ so as to clamp said ~~respective end of the~~ shield member ~~onto the tapered projections of the~~ to the respective said end members.

5. (new) The method of claim 4, further including the step of clamping each of the end members to each of the respective axially extending, inwardly disposed nipple portions.